

GIANT STEPS

VIGNERONS

YARRA VALLEY AUSTRALIA

2005 SEXTON VINEYARD PINOT NOIR



Region: Yarra Valley, Australia

Variety: 100% Pinot Noir

Clones: MV6, 114, 115, G5V15, 5 (Pommard)

Harvest Date: March, 2005

Bottling Date: February, 2006

Technical Analysis: 13.5% alc/vol

Maturation: Aged for 11 months in French oak (40% new, 30% 1 year old, 30% older)

Closure: Screw-cap

Background:

The 75 acre Giant Steps vineyard is on the north face of the Warramate Ranges in the central Yarra Valley, an hour east of Melbourne. Established across a series of ridges rising from the 300 to 1000 foot level, the vineyard is planted to rocky/gravelly clays. The pinot plantings comprise a selection of seven different clonal variations, sourced from Burgundy, Australia and New Zealand.

Winemaking/Tasting Notes:

The pinot grapes received good phenological ripeness due to the relatively mild to warm year. The fruit was hand picked to 300 kg crates and chilled before being de-stemmed, but not crushed, to small open fermenters. A 3 day cold soak was followed by an 8 day ferment with hand plunging. After ferment, the skins were tipped into an airbag press. The wine was then racked off gross lees to oak for malolactic fermentation.

The 2005 Giant Steps Pinot Noir exudes aromas of raspberries, red currants, bay leaf and earthy spice. The juicy mid palate offers generous flavors of strawberries, musk and sour cherries followed by a lovely carpet of fine tannin. Enjoy now or cellar for 2-7 years to garner additional complexity.

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